

English Language Development Course Outline

Welcome!

English Language Development (ELD) is a class designed to improve the student's academic use of English in speaking and writing in preparation for graduation from high school. Assignments will include speaking and writing tasks on a daily basis. The goal of the class is to have each student advance one level or more in English language proficiency as assessed on the ELPA test.

Class Routine

In ELD class we have a solid routine to help ensure students are gaining the most language practice possible from each class session. The routine will include daily opportunities to speak purposefully, listen, read and write using academic English (language that is used in school and highly skilled work settings). **ELD classes consists of 50% speaking and/or writing, 25% collaborative group time and 25% instruction.** This routine will help students to improve their time to enhance their English language skills. Research shows that students who engage in high percentage of speaking and writing tasks will significantly improve their language skills.

Grades and Late Work Policy

Students are expected to turn in assignments by the due date so that they can progress with their classmates. It is important that students master the language through practice which will include assignments that are designed to both practice and demonstrate skills, therefore, it is very important for students to be in class daily.

Classroom Expectations

Students should actively participate and are expected to **BE PROMPT, PUNCTUAL, POLITE and PRODUCTIVE.** Students will spend time in class discussing these expectations. Inappropriate behavior will result in *warning/conference with student, *seat change/buddy room, *parent contact, *disciplinary referral which may result in lunch or after school attention.

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